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# News Release

## **ICE TO DEPORT HOSPITAL TECHNICIAN CONVICTED OF TAKING PICTURES OF WOMAN AWAITING SURGERY** *Secretly took graphic pictures of hospital patient under anesthesia; faces deportation to Mexico*

CHICAGO — A former hospital technician, who pleaded guilty last month to secretly photographing a woman under anesthesia and awaiting surgery, was arrested Friday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents on immigration violations and faces deportation.

ICE special agents arrested José C. Rostro, 23, a Mexican national, at his Bolingbrook home after receiving information from law enforcement authorities that he was illegally residing in the United States. Rostro was working as a technician at Edward Hospital in Naperville in October 2004 when he secretly took explicit photographs of a woman who was under anesthesia in an operating room there. Authorities found pictures of the woman in Rostro's camera after he was arrested for taking photographs under a girl's skirt as she rode up an escalator at a Downers Grove clothing store.

Rostro pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court of DuPage County to unauthorized videotaping and was sentenced Oct. 19 by DuPage County Judge Nicholas Galasso to two years probation.

During an interview with ICE special agents, Rostro admitted to being in the U.S. illegally after crossing the southwestern border about 12 years ago. He was taken into ICE custody and is being held without bond until his hearing before a federal immigration judge.

"This is an individual who violated the privacy of a hospital patient in the most reprehensible manner," said Elissa A. Brown, special agent-in-charge of ICE investigation in Chicago. "José Rostro is in this country illegally and committing crimes against innocent victims. ICE will do everything in its power to deport him back to Mexico. I want to thank the DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett and the police departments of Downers Grove and Bolingbrook for their assistance in this case."

DuPage State's Attorney Joseph Birkett had this to say upon learning of Rostro's arrest: "I want to thank the cooperative efforts of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Downers Grove Police department. José Rostro came to this country illegally and proceeded to commit crime after crime by inappropriately photographing unsuspecting young women and girls. The efforts of these agencies in deporting José Rostro and others like him who commit crimes while illegally in this country assist in protecting the safety of the people of our community. For that we are truly grateful."

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